

# Ordinance No. 496-2025

**By Council Members Bishop, Hairston  
and Griffin (by departmental request)**

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to enter into a Project Development Agreement with the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District regarding the design, construction, and use of four trail projects located within the City of Cleveland; to grant consent to Metroparks to construct the improvements; to apply for and accept any gifts or grants from any public or private entity; authorizing any relative agreements; authorize the Commissioner of Purchasing and Supplies to acquire and accept real property and easements; and causing payment of the City's share to Metroparks.

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District ("Metroparks") has applied for and received Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant funds ("RAISE" funds) from the federal government in the estimated amount of \$1,588,000 for planning and \$19,500,00 for construction of the Slavic Village Downtown Connector Trail, the Morgana Run/Booth Avenue Extension, the Euclid Creek Project/Greenway Extension, and the Opportunity Corridor Connector trails (the "RAISE Projects"); and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 529-2023, passed May 31, 2023, this Council authorized the Director of Capital Projects to contribute up to \$500,000 in City funds for the detailed design, pre-engineering, and/or other studies towards the Euclid Creek Project/Greenway Extension component of the RAISE Projects; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$190,000 is needed for the feasibility study for the Euclid Creek Project/Greenway Extension component of the RAISE Projects and an additional \$125,000 is needed to complete the detailed design of the Morgana Run/Booth Avenue Extension component of the RAISE Projects, for a total of an additional \$315,000; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:**

Section 1. That the Director of Capital Projects is authorized to enter into a Project Development Agreement with the Metroparks for the design, construction, maintenance, and use of the RAISE Projects.

Section 2. That this Council requests Metroparks to construct the RAISE Projects.

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Section 3. That the Director of Capital Projects is authorized to apply for and accept any gifts or grants for this purpose from any public or private entity; and that the Director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in this ordinance.

Section 4. That, notwithstanding any provision of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, to the contrary, the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies is authorized to acquire, accept, and record for right-of-way purposes any real property including but not limited to fee simple acquisitions, temporary easements, permanent easements, and work agreements as if necessary to implement the RAISE Projects. The consideration to be paid for the property and easements shall not exceed fair market value, as determined by the Board of Control.

Section 5. That the Director of Capital Projects is authorized to execute on behalf of the City all documents necessary to acquire the property and easements and to employ and pay all fees for title companies, surveys, escrows, appraisers, review appraisers, and all other costs necessary for the acquisition of the property and easements.

Section 6. That the Director of Capital Projects is authorized to enter into any agreements necessary to implement the RAISE Projects.

Section 7. That this Council authorizes payment to Metroparks in an additional amount of \$315,000 for the City's share to implement the RAISE Projects. The amount is payable from Fund Nos. 01-0103-6920, 10 SF 400, from the fund or funds which are credited any grants or gifts received or the proceeds of future bonds, if issues for this purpose, and any other funds approved by the Director of Finance. (RQS 0103, RLA 2025-13)

Section 8. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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and referred to DIRECTORS of Capital Projects,  
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